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Norma Jean Doherty was born August 12, 1925 in Watsonville, CA to Mary and William Dye and passed away peacefully on July 27, 2025, just 3 weeks shy of her 100th birthday.

Norma was raised in Watsonville, CA with her brother William. She went to one-room Pleasant Valley School for grades 1-8 then on to Watsonville High School where she graduated in 1943.

She met her husband James Doherty at a USO dance at Camp McQuaide. They were married in 1945 and enjoyed 67 years of marriage until his passing in 2012.

Norma lovingly raised their six children in El Cerrito, CA. While in El Cerrito, she was actively involved in her children's schools and activities, volunteering, civic activities and enjoyed golf, a daily swim and was an avid student of art history.

In retirement, Norma spent many years entertaining family, making new friends and staying connected with old friends while living at Oakmont in Santa Rosa. There was more time for her daily swims, golf, volunteering as a docent at the Luther Burbank Center and relaxing on the back patio enjoying views of the golf course, distant mountains and nature passing by.

Norma was preceded in death by her husband James, son James II, daughter

Joan Pisani, and brother William. She is survived by her children, Kitty (Barry), William, Mary and Joseph (Patricia) and son-in-law Ronald Pisani. Additionally, she leaves behind 8 Grandchildren and 13 Great-Grandchildren. Special thanks to the ladies at Mendoza Care Home who have taken exceptional care of Mom over the past few years. A private service is scheduled per her wishes.